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## Note From the Editor

Dear Subscribers,

The time has come to move Africana Libraries Newsletter (ALN) online. Starting with issue no. 118, ALN will be published in electronic format only. It will reside on Indiana University's website at <http://www.indiana.edu/~libsalc/african/aln/alnindex.html>. We will notify those subscribers whose e-mail addresses we have via e-mail each time a new issue is published. If you wish to be notified of new issues and think that we do not have your e-mail, please send your current e-mail address to [mfranksi@indiana.edu](mailto:mfranksi@indiana.edu).

Also starting with issue no. 118, Bassey Irele from Harvard University will join ALN as a co-editor. Welcome, Bassey!

Sincerely,

Marion Frank-Wilson, editor



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## Wangari Maathai Plants Seeds of Peace

Kenyan environmentalist, Wangari Maathai became the first African woman to win the Nobel Peace Prize on October 8, 2004. Her work has sought to empower women, better the environment and fight corruption in Africa for almost 30 years.

The Norwegian Nobel Committee praised Maathai, Kenya's deputy environment minister, for founding the Green Belt Movement (GBM), in 1977, which has planted more than 30 million trees across Africa to slow deforestation and soil erosion as well as provide wood for fires used in cooking. Maathai is also known for many other accomplishments.

She was the first woman in central or eastern Africa to hold a Ph.D. and the first woman head of a university department in Kenya, the Department of Veterinary Medicine. She earned her biology degree from Mount St. Scholastica College in Kansas and a master's degree at the University of Pittsburgh. In 2002, she was a visiting professor at Yale University (School of Forestry and Environmental Studies), and she had been a visiting fellow at Dartmouth College. In December 2002, Maathai was elected to Parliament and has been Assistant Minister in the Ministry of Environment, Natural Resources and Wildlife since January 2003.

Maathai is the seventh African to win the prize since it was first awarded in 1901. Previous winners from Africa include: United Nations Secretary-General, Kofi Annan (2001), Nelson Mandela and F.W. de Klerk (1993), Desmond Tutu (1984), Anwar Sadat (1978), and Albert John Lutuli (1960).

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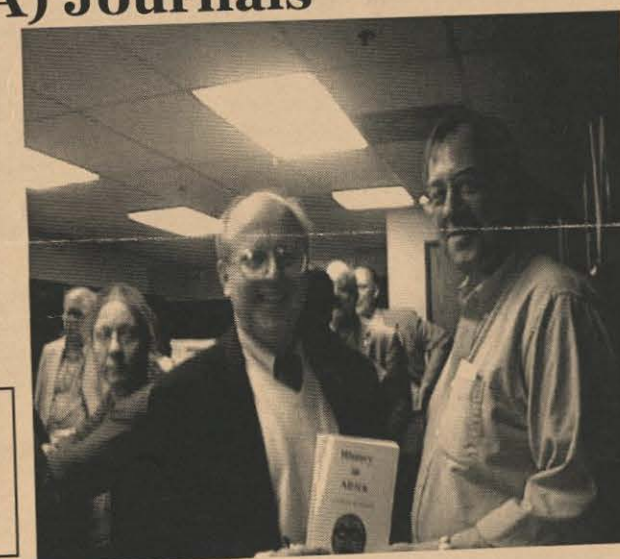


## JSTOR Adds African Studies Association (ASA) Journals

Submitted by Peter Malanchuk,  
Africana and Political Science Bibliographer  
University of Florida

All three ASA journals - *African Studies Review*, *History in Africa*, and *African Issues* - are now included in JSTOR. The Africana Librarians Council is currently in the process of finalizing a list of additional African Studies journals to be added. Currently, there are 12 African Studies journals in JSTOR. The ALC hopes to add at least another 12 this summer, which will make JSTOR an important resource for full text African Studies journals.

ALC members on a tour of the JSTOR vault at the recent ALC Spring Meeting in Ann Arbor, MI. From left to right: Margaret Hughes (Stanford U.), Peter Malanchuk (U. FL.), and Lauris Olson (U. Penn.), holding an issue of *History in Africa*. Photo courtesy of Akilah Nosakhere.



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